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John W. Hickenlooper  
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## D 2013-014

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Extending Authorization of Availability of Funds for Multiple Wildfires that occurred in Colorado during 2011 and 2012**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, and specifically C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the availability of funds to pay costs associated with the disaster emergencies due to wildfires that occurred in Colorado during 2011 and 2012.

#### I. Background and Purpose

In 2011 and 2012, Colorado experienced extraordinary wildfire seasons due to dry conditions and high temperatures. In this time period, over twenty-five wildfires required a declaration of a disaster emergency. These wildfires resulted in a record breaking number of fatalities and damage to homes, forest land, and agricultural assets. On July 1, 2012, the Colorado State Forest Service fire-management functions for command and control were transferred from Colorado State University to the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Currently, there is a vacancy in the position assigned to review federal invoices for fires.

Due to the aforementioned circumstances, the final payments for 2011 and 2012 fires will not be completed prior to the expiration dates in the associated Executive Orders. This Executive Order extends the expiration dates of the previously approved funding for these wildfires.

Specifically this Executive Order extends the funding for the following wildfires and their associated Executive Orders:

- Purgatoire – D 2011-015
- Bear – D 2011-015
- Navajo – D 2011-021
- Brice – D 2011-022
- Shell Fire Complex – D 2011-022
- Mesa de Maya – D 2011-022
- Duckett – D 2011-023

- Track – D 2011-024
- Lower North Fork – D 2012-007 and D 2012-008
- Hewlett – D 2012-011 and D 2012-012
- Stuart Hole – D 2012-017
- Springer – D 2012-018
- Weber – D 2012-021
- Flagstaff – D 2012-023 and D2012-038
- Pine Ridge – D 2012-025
- Bull Basin – D 2012-032
- Powell Complex – D 2012-034
- Wetmore – D 2012-044 and D 2012-045
- Roatcap – D 2012-046

II. Declaration and Directives

In addition to the declarations and directives contained in the Executive Orders cited above, I declare and direct, as follows:

- A. I extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in the cited Executive Orders until January 31, 2014, to facilitate final payments of the expenses associated with these wildfires. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate resources as may be appropriate and permitted by law.
- B. Any unexpended funds remaining after final payments or on February 1, 2014, whichever occurs first, will be allocated as provided in the original Executive Orders previously cited.

III. Duration

The funds made available in the original Executive Orders cited shall remain available until January 31, 2014, and in all other respects the cited Executive Orders shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this twenty-first day of  
June, 2013

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor